

VILLA LOSES 31 SOLDIERS IN FIRST BATTLE

DODD'S MEN SURPRISE AND
OVERWHELM OUTLAWS IN
INITIAL ENGAGEMENT.

NARROWLY ESCAPES CAPTURE

Brilliant Exploit Sends Thrill Along
Border—Question of Only Short
Time Until Bandits Are
Taken.

El Paso, Texas.—Four hundred American cavalrymen, under the command of Col. George A. Dodd, whirling down from the granite slopes of the great Continental Divide, have fallen like a thunderbolt on the main body of Francisco Villa's bandits at the San Geronimo ranch, scattering them and driving the bandit chief, wounded and crippled, to seek a hiding place in the mountains over which he has ruled for so many years. Villa was hurried from danger in a carriage.

The battle occurred March 28. The news of the brilliant exploit of the American troops was flashed over the Mexican wires into Juarez, and sent a thrill along the border. For 17 hours the veteran Col. Dodd and his picked riders of the seventh and tenth cavalry drove down the valley of the Santa Maria River. At the end of a 55-mile ride they burst upon the unsuspecting Villistas camp, where 500 bandits were celebrating the massacre of 172 Carranzistas at Guerrero.

The bandits made a brief but hopeless stand before the fierce charge of Col. Dodd and his troops. Then they broke and fled, leaving 31 dead on the field, including their commander, Gen. Eliseo Hernandez. Two machine guns, a number of horses, rifles, ammunition and equipment fell into the hands of the victors.

Among the known wounded is Pablo Lopez, Villa's lieutenant in the Colorado raid. The Americans' casualties were four privates wounded.

The American soldiers did not linger on the field of victory. For five hours they drove the enemy before them into the wilderness of mountain peak, desert and canyon, where roads or even trails are unknown and where a misstep means death to horse and rider. They halted only after the chase had led them 10 miles from the battlefield and the fugitives were scattered far and wide in little bands of half a dozen men each.

Villa's career has ended, his power has been broken. His death or capture is only a question of days, perhaps only hours—such is the conclusion reached here, as little by little the details of "Dodd's ride" seep across the border. It seems impossible that the crippled bandit can long remain hidden even in the mountainous wastes in which he has sought refuge.

BRITAIN AFTER NEW REVENUE

Chancellor McKenna's Budget Will
Propose Several Additional Means
of Taxation.

London, England.—It is understood that several new sources of revenue will be tapped by Reginald McKenna, the chancellor of the exchequer, in the budget to be introduced in the house of commons next Tuesday. The chancellor has made a thorough study of a method for reaching incomes which are below the present minimum limit. On the other hand, it is believed that the super tax on big incomes may be increased.

Theater receipts and advertisements of all kinds also may be subjected to taxation, but definite information as to just what steps will be taken will not be available until the chancellor addresses the house.

U. S. SOLDIERS GET EXTRA PAY

Washington, D. C.—To the expense of the expedition in Mexico entailed by the purchase of eight biplanes and 2,000 cavalry horses, arrangements for which are under way, was added the extra pay for foreign service of troops actually in Mexico. It was the first pay day for the American forces since they crossed the border. Foreign service calls for 30 percent for enlisted men and 10 percent for officers. At the quartermaster general's office it was estimated that the additional pay would amount to about \$36,700 monthly.

Erie's Gross Earnings Increase.
New York.—Gross earnings of the Erie Railroad during 1915 were \$68,426,720, an increase of \$6,776,494 over 1914, according to the annual report.

Bomb Plot Demurrers Fail.
San Francisco, Cal.—Judge Dooling overruled demurrers to the bomb plot indictments against Franz Bopp, Baron R. H. von Schack, Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken and four others.

Harding for Chairman.
Chicago.—The subcommittee on arrangements of the national Republican committee will meet here April 7, it was announced. It is reported that Senator Harding has been agreed upon for temporary chairman.

75 New Locomotives Ordered.
Philadelphia, Pa.—Fifty freight locomotives were ordered by the Pennsylvania lines. The locomotives will be of the mikado type and the order will approximate \$1,000,000. The Baldwin Locomotive Works also received an order for 25 mikados from the Great Northern.

Two Earth Shocks at Panama.
Panama.—Two earthquake shocks occurred here, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. No damage resulted.



Grand Duke George Mikhailovitch, the czar's envoy to the mikado, sightseeing in a rickshaw. When the czar was visiting Japan many years ago he was attacked by an assassin and it was the rickshaw boy who saved his life.

JAPANESE LINER AGROUND NEGLECT CAUSE OF DEATH

FAST ON BAR 29 MILES FROM
HONGKONG.

Chiyo Maru Carries 529 on Board—
British Vessels Go to Her
Assistance.

Shanghai, China.—The big trans-Pacific passenger steamship Chiyo Maru grounded in a fog on one of the Lema Islands, south of Hongkong.

Nine tugboats and launches from a British torpedo boat destroyer have gone to her assistance and are taking off her 299 passengers and 230 members of the crew from San Francisco and Manila.

The Chiyo Maru, owned by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., of Yokohama, is a vessel of 12,431 tons gross, is 558 feet long, 61 feet beam and was constructed in 1908 at Nagasaki. She left San Francisco on March 2 for Yokohama, arrived at Manila on March 18 and left that port for Hongkong.

San Francisco, California.—Officials of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship Co. received a cablegram from Hongkong stating that all of the Chiyo's passengers would be brought into Hongkong. It was indicated that all had been taken off. The scene of the accident is 29 miles from Hongkong.

FINDS WAITE'S ROLL OF BILLS

Contains Only \$7,800, Instead of
\$9,000—Embalmers Say He Did
Not Count It.

New York, N. Y.—Buried under a tree at the extreme tip of Long Island, a detective found a roll of bills which Eugene Oliver Kane, the embalmmer, asserted was forced upon him by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite in an effort to induce him to swear that he used arsenic in the embalming fluid used on the body of Waite's father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., for whose murder the young dentist was indicted.

The roll which Waite told District Attorney Edward Swann contained \$9,000, totaled only \$7,800 when it was found by the detective.

Kane said he never counted the money while it was in his possession, and therefore did not know whether Waite's count was accurate.

PRUSSIAN HOUSE IN DEBATE

Declaration Also Asks for Improve-
ment in Measures Affecting
Nourishment of People.

Berlin, Germany.—The Prussian house of lords is unable to share the government's views as expressed in the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, which says that only the Reichstag is competent to discuss the empire's foreign affairs.

This declaration is set forth in a statement issued in behalf of both factions in the house. It mentions also the desire for an improvement in the measures affecting the nourishment of the people, and continues: "It is also regretted that the execution of the censorship has been uniform everywhere, and especially that it has frequently limited, without adequate ground, discussion of war aims where patriotic sentiment demanded an extension of German might."

National Realty Order.

New Orleans, La.—Henry P. Haas of Pittsburgh, was elected president of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges. Milwaukee probably will get the next meeting.

\$1,000 Reward for Cashier.

Seattle, Wash.—A reward of \$1,000 is offered for the arrest of Oliver H. Cline, missing cashier of a local concern, whose books show defalcations of \$100,000.

General Amnesty in Alsace.

Berlin.—A general amnesty proclamation applying to persons convicted before tribunals of Alsace and Lorraine, has been issued by Emperor William, the Overseas News Agency says.

Inquiry Into Blast Which Killed 8.

Johnstown, Pa.—State mine inspectors began an investigation of the explosion in the mine of the Cone-mech Smokeless Coal Co., at Seward, which cost the lives of Superintendent John Waddell and seven miners.

250 College Students Burned Out.

Plainview, Texas.—Fire driven by a shifting wind here destroyed the plant of the Seth Ward College, including the personal belongings of 250 men and women. The loss is estimated at \$55,000.

Prince of Wales in New Post.

London.—The government has appointed the Prince of Wales chairman of the national committee to make permanent provision for the care of the graves of soldiers in France and Belgium.

FIRST LOSS OF SOLDIER IN MEX. ICG DENOUNCED.

Father Says Son Was Carried 125
Miles in Wagon Rather Than
Hurt Carranza's Feelings.

El Paso, Texas.—Joseph W. Allison, Dallas, father of Lieut. Joseph W. Allison, who died at the base hospital at the front in Mexico, has sent a telegram to United States Senator Culberson of Texas at Washington declaring that his son was a victim of criminal neglect. He says Lieut. Allison was brought 125 miles in a wagon while his fever was 106 and that this was done to keep from using the railroad to Juarez and "hurting Carranza's feelings."

Lieut. Allison was given a military funeral, preparatory to sending his body to West Point for burial. The hearse, surrounded by cavalry with drawn swords and preceded by the eighth cavalry band, wound slowly through the streets, which were lined by a great crowd.

REGRET FALSE MEXICO TALES

Carranza's Minister of Foreign Affairs
Appeals to United States Press
to Act With Moderation.

Queretaro, Mexico.—In a statement given out here, Gen. Candido Aguilar, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, deplored the attitude of some sections of the press in the United States which, he declared, had published false stories in an effort to embarrass the Mexican and the Washington governments in arriving at a peaceful solution of the present situation.

The minister appealed to the press of the United States to act with moderation, and in the name of patriotism to aid the two governments in their earnest efforts to solve amicably the international incident. He said the Carranza forces were working vigorously on a carefully thought out plan which was expected to result in the capture of Villa.

ROOSEVELT DINES WITH ROOT

Unexpected Development Leaves Pol-
iticians Guessing—Preparedness,
Not Politics, Discussed.

New York, N. Y.—Theodore Roosevelt had luncheon at the home of Robert Bacon with former Senator Elihu Root, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, who is a leading candidate for chairman of the coming Republican national convention, and Gen. Leonard Wood.

Announcement of this event, at which Col. Roosevelt and Mr. Root, who had much to do as chairman of the Republican convention in 1912 in defeating Col. Roosevelt's effort to capture the nomination, shook hands for the first time in nearly five years, left political leaders at a loss for words with which to express their varying emotions.

In a brief statement later, Col. Roosevelt said that preparedness and not politics was the subject discussed.

British Steamer Disabled.

Halifax, N. S.—The British steamer Carly has been picked up, disabled at sea, by the steamer Fogola, and is being towed to this port. The Carly sailed from Genoa Feb. 11.

British Lost 20,424 in March.

London.—British casualties in March, as compiled from the published lists, amounted to 1,107 officers and 19,317 men.

German Powder Plant Fire.

London.—A Reuters dispatch filed at Oldenzaal, Holland, says that many persons lost their lives in a fire in a powder factory at Troisdorf, near Cologne.

Six Arrested for Drug Theft.

Peoria, Ill.—With five men and one woman under arrest, police here professed to have in custody a band that for months has been robbing drug stores and physicians' offices of habit forming drugs.

Five on Ship Believed to Be Lost.

Stonington, Me.—The schooner Metonic, which sailed from New York on Feb. 26 for this port with coal and machinery, was given up as lost. She was commanded by Capt. Huntley and carried four men.

Western Union Earned 10 Per Cent.

New York.—The annual report of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for the year ended Dec. 31, 1915, shows earnings equivalent to 10.19 per cent on the capital stock, as compared with 6.88 per cent earned in the preceding year.

Shaves Go Up in London.

London.—The Hair Dressers' Guild announced that after April 15, they will raise the charge for shaving from 4 cents to 5 cents, and hair cutting from 8 cents to 10 cents.

CARRANZA LEADER TO ASSIST VILLA

OFFICERS THINK COLONEL CANO
HAS GONE OVER TO
BANDIT'S SIDE.

FEAR THE FOX HAS ESCAPED

Pershing May Have Been Deceived as
to Direction Pancho Took—Much
Doubt About Alleged
Injuries.

San Antonio, Texas.—Gen. Funston was in receipt of state department information regarding conditions at Chihuahua and other parts of Mexico, but refused to make it public. It was stated at his headquarters, however, that there appeared to be reason to believe that Col. Cano, who was leading one of the heavier forces against Villa, had revolted against Carranza and had joined Villa.

Unless Villa is definitely located within a few days, it is believed Gen. Pershing will be a dogged search for him in the mountains west and south of Guerrero. Since the defeat of Villa's force, March 29, in and near Guerrero, he has had lightly equipped mobile detachments of cavalry sweeping in whirlwind fashion through the district about the headwaters of the Santa Maria River, in efforts to locate the elusive bandit, reported to have gone in that direction after being desperately wounded.

Some unofficial information has been received that Villa was not injured at all.

More Atrocities.

El Paso, Texas.—Francisco Villa personally directed the execution of three Americans, one German and one English subject, when he captured the Carranza garrison at Guerrero.

This definite information was officially reported to the state department by its own representative at 4 p. m. El Paso time, Sunday. The report also said on reliable authority it had been learned the bandit chief was in no way wounded or disabled.

Here is the list of the victims:
Dr. A. T. Stell, an American who has been practicing medicine in the Guerrero mining district for 20 years.
Donald MacGregor, also known as Bruce, British, employed until January, 1916, by a news association as correspondent at Chihuahua.

Lee Lindesley, American, resident of Minaca.
Herman Blankenberg, German superintendent of the Magistral mine, near Minaca.
Benjamin Snell, American cattle buyer, with large interests in the vicinity of Minaca.

Marines Landed in China.

Pekin.—Owing to the unrest apparent at the port of Swatow, China, a body of marines from the gunboat Wilmington were sent ashore, but no disturbance was in evidence.

No More British Red Tape.

London.—By the substitution of white for red tape in government offices, the British cabinet has effected a saving of \$7,000 a year.

Constable Slain by Miner.

Duquoin, Ill.—Ira Jones, constable at Christopher, near Duquoin, was shot and killed by Clee Smith, a miner, in a saloon here. After firing three shots at Jones Smith attempted to escape and was shot by Chief of Police Cook.

Wages Are Raised 10 Per Cent.

Joplin, Mo.—Because of increased business, A. H. Rogers, president of the Southwest Missouri Electric Co., announced a 10 per cent increase in wages of employees.

K. C. Furnishes Pistols.

Kansas City, Mo.—Citizens of Columbus, N. M., will be armed with pistols furnished them by the Kansas City, Mo., police department. It was announced by H. W. Hammill, following receipt of a letter asking for guns and revolvers for citizens there.

Editor Falls Out Window.

Valparaiso, Ind.—L. Garfield Snow, editor of a local reform newspaper, was either thrown or jumped from a second story of his office building following an attempt to kidnap him on the part of three men, and is in a Valparaiso hospital.

Ask for Wage Arbitration.

Chicago.—Appeal was made here to the state board of arbitration by the carcleaners at the Pullman car shops to settle the strike for higher wages. The strike of unskilled workmen at the Pullman shops has been settled.

Resignation Alarms Peking.

Pekin.—Owing to rumors of President Yuan Shi Kai's resignation, Peking is in a veritable state of panic. It is feared his withdrawal may cause the soldiers to mutiny and loot, as they did in 1912.

Brothers in Double Suicide.

Grand Haven, Mich.—Dr. Herbert Cummings, a local dentist, drank a large quantity of poison about ten hours before his brother, E. P. Cummings, of Lansing, shot and killed himself in a Chicago hotel.

Smelting Employees Get Raise.

Denver, Colo.—A general increase of pay of employees of the American Smelting and Refining Co. became effective April 1. Two thousand employees are to receive increases from 15 to 25 cents per day.

Shackleton's Ship in Tow.

London.—A dispatch to Reuters from Dunedin, New Zealand, says a tug has taken the auxiliary ship Aurora of the Shackleton expedition in tow 140 miles south of the Cape of Otago.

BOARD EQUALIZES ASSESSED VALUES

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL
PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS
FIXED FOR YEAR.

NO MATERIAL CHANGES MADE

St. Louis Bank Stock Reduced in
Order to Be On Par With Same
Class of Property Else-
where in the State.

Jefferson City.

Real and personal property assessments for the taxes for the current year have been finally fixed by the state board of equalization.

There is no material reduction anywhere save in the valuation of bank stock in St. Louis. This is done each year by the state board in order that this class of property may be on an equal basis with bank stocks out in the state.

By classes the real and personal property totals for the state are: Land, \$495,065,716; town lots, \$823,174,202; horses, \$31,703,972; mules, \$14,971,784; jacks and jennets, \$674,507; cattle, \$29,521,154; sheep, \$852,799; hogs, \$5,471,081; all other live stock, \$185,060; money, notes and bonds, \$121,472,546; corporate companies, \$14,255,936; banks, \$71,122,868; all other personal property, \$95,848,327.

Following is the real and personal assessment by counties:

St. Louis City	\$611,372,405
Adair	7,618,895
Andrew	8,567,283
Atchison	11,149,927
Audrain	10,181,780
Barton	6,828,908
Bates	11,628,161
Benton	4,985,909
Bollinger	4,889,421
Bosque	11,599,337
Buchanan	45,985,909
Butler	5,126,272
Caldwell	3,365,290
Callaway	8,898,790
Cameron	3,394,132
C. Girardeau	8,616,437
Carroll	11,507,572
Cass	1,888,983
Cedar	9,536,228
Chariton	10,458,258
Christian	4,839,237
Clark	6,592,215
Clay	10,458,258
Clinton	7,998,026
Columbia	6,923,490
Copper	4,916,755
Crawford	4,434,442
Dallas	4,728,104
Daviess	9,852,144
De Kalb	4,298,883
Dent	3,255,795
Douglas	3,766,782
Dunklin	1,167,675
Franklin	4,612,456
Gaillard	4,902,147
Geary	2,921,215
Greene	22,751,729
Grundy	7,832,220
Harrison	10,522,495
Henry	9,510,384
Hickory	2,934,705
Holt	3,388,459
Howard	4,435,165
Howell	4,467,768
Iron	21,839,326
Jackson	25,109,607
Jasper	12,457,963
Jefferson	4,984,182
Laclede	2,753,192
Lafayette	13,196,490
Lawrence	7,552,008
Lewis	6,835,657
Linn	6,446,465
Livingston	9,699,843
Madison	10,110,807
McDonald	3,182,172
Macon	9,996,503
Madison	9,891,735
Martins	1,989,423
Marion	11,027,485
Mercer	4,032,604
Miller	3,827,648
Mississippi	4,042,476
Monroe	2,177,597
Montgomery	2,177,597
Morgan	8,607,708
Murray	2,922,321
N. Madrid	3,253,638
Newton	7,209,621
Nodaway	10,304,690
Nowata	3,564,291
Osage	4,679,069
Oregon	2,573,573
Pembert	2,573,573
Perry	3,876,709
Pettis	13,284,150
Phelps	3,499,218
Pike	9,023,080
Platte	7,749,429
Polk	2,269,060
Pulaski	2,477,043
Putnam	6,718,677
Ralls	2,253,192
Randolph	9,634,989
Ray	10,723,119
Reynolds	11,535,175
Ripley	3,682,620
St. Charles	11,535,175
St. Clair	11,535,175
St. Francois	10,693,051
St. Genevieve	9,291,150
St. Louis	60,323,446
Saline	14,118,282
Schuyler	2,711,544
Scotland	4,559,527
Scott	6,281,968
Shannon	4,697,628
Shelby	2,897,438
Stone	2,514,208
Stoddard	2,194,391
Sullivan	7,201,317
Taney	4,457,281
Texas	4,197,490
Vernon	9,839,771
Warren	3,833,168
Washington	4,448,828
Wayne	2,815,017
Webster	3,836,371
Worth	4,931,518
Wright	3,969,808
Total	\$1,764,265,652

Major's Son Becomes Hobo.

Elliott W. Major, Jr., son of Gov. Major has started with six other students to "beat" his way from Mexico to St. Louis. The purpose of the trip is to qualify for membership in a college fraternity.

Wilson Quits Race.

Francis M. Wilson, U. S. prosecuting attorney for the western district of Missouri, has changed his mind about running for governor. His physician says his health will not stand the strain of a hard campaign.

Woodson Fights for Judge.

Chief Justice A.